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The Grand Priory of
The Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem
in England.

Sovereign Head and Patron:
HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE KING.

EUROPEAN WAR FUND
ORGANISED BY THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF LADIES OF THE ORDER.
President:
HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
Chairman:
HER GRACE ADELINE, DUCHESS OF BEDFORD.
Honorary Secretaries:
LADY PERROTT.
THE HON. W. H. GOSCHEN.

Summary of Work carried out by the Ladies' Committee from the commencement of the War to October 23rd, 1914.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, attended by Lady Ampthill, Lady in Waiting, paid a visit on August 27th to St. John's Gate, which was quite unexpected.

Her Majesty was received by the Earl of Plymouth and Sir Herbert and Lady Perrott.

Her Majesty showed the deepest interest in the work of the Order, and visited the Warehouse and the Crypt of St. John's Church.

Surgeon-General Sir Alfred Keogh was appointed Chief Commissioner for France and Belgium, with the Right Hon. Sir Savile Crossley, Bt., K.C.V.O., Mr. A. M. Oppenheimer and Mr. P. M. G. Tombs as Commissioners. He has now been recalled to the War Office and Surgeon-General Sir Arthur Sloggett has been appointed Chief Commissioner on his appointment as Director-General, Expeditionary Force.

Lady Perrott visited Southampton to inspect the Coffee Stall, Rest Tent, Hospital and Depôt arranged by Lady Dane, which are all doing excellent work. By their means men going to the Front have been comfortably housed and looked after.

Mrs. Oliver on September 29th was sent to Rouen in order to confer with Sir Alfred Keogh as to the possibility of using members of Voluntary Aid Detachments at Rest Stations.

Mrs. J. Watson on September 29th was sent to Paris to confer with Sir Alfred Keogh and to report generally on the need of Nurses, etc. She also took over a party of six nurses.

The "Times" Appeal. Through the very great kindness of Lord Northcliffe an appeal for funds for the assistance of the sick and wounded has appeared in the *Times* newspaper daily, the condition being that the total amount received over and above the sum of £200,000 (with the exception of subscriptions from branches of the British Red Cross Society and money from sources other than those for which the *Times* was responsible) was to be divided equally between the St. John Ambulance Association and the British Red Cross Society. This appeal is still appearing in the columns of the *Times* and on its reaching the sum of £500,000 Her Majesty the Queen telegraphed to the *Times* as follows :—

> As Patroness of the British Red Cross Society and as President of the Ladies' Committee of the Order of St. John, I wish to express my high appreciation of the generosity of the public in contributing to the *Times* Fund so munificent a sum as £500,000 for the relief of our sick and wounded sailors and soldiers, and my great satisfaction with the arrangement come to by the St. John Ambulance Association and the British Red Cross Society for joint action abroad.
>
> (Signed) Mary R.

The following telegram was also received from Her Majesty Queen Alexandra :—

> Her Majesty Queen Alexandra rejoices to hear that the *Times* appeal for 500 ambulances for the British Red Cross Society has met with such a ready and generous response, and that the number is now complete. Her Majesty also cordially congratulates the *Times* upon the fact that no less than £500,000 has been raised by their efforts for the British Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance Association. Her Majesty is specially pleased to hear of the appointment of a Joint Committee of the two Societies, which must help to promote the noble work in which both are engaged.

Church Collections. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York (Prelate of the Order) have been asked to permit collections in the churches on behalf of the War Fund of the Order and both are very kindly considering the request. Mrs. McKenna has undertaken to bring the matter before the Free Churches.

Indian Contingents. The Sub-Committee of the St. John Ambulance Association which has been appointed to care for the welfare of the Indian Troops contemplated in the first instance establishing a hospital of 500 beds at Alexandria for the sick and wounded men of the Indian Contingent who have been discharged from the base hospital, and it was also proposed to have a small clearing hospital at Marseilles. It was ultimately decided by the War Office, however, that

it would be more desirable to bring them to this country, and arrangements are being made for the establishment of a hospital in one of the southern counties within a convenient distance of Southampton and Plymouth.

The India Office has delegated to the St. John Ambulance Association the reception and dispatch of all clothing and comforts for the Indian Troops, and a warehouse for this purpose has been placed at the disposal of the Order of St. John by Mr. Gordon Selfridge. Lord Curzon of Kedleston has very generously lent rooms at 1, Carlton House Terrace as a West End office for the Sub-Committee. Urgent appeals both for funds and materials have appeared in the Press signed by Lord Roberts and other influential members.

Serbia. Arrangements have been made for the despatch to Serbia of a complete Medical and Surgical unit under the superintendence of Lady Paget. Professor Morrison, F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, is the Surgeon-in-Chief, and the total strength of the unit will exceed fifty persons.

Rest Stations. Rest Stations have been established by the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Newcastle, (where over 1,200 cases have already been treated), South Shields, East Bolden, Portsmouth, West Hartlepool, Tynemouth, Shotley Bridge, Dover, Folkestone, Southampton, Worcester, Sheffield, Harrogate, Bradford, Chapel Allerton, etc.

Yachts. Mr. Douglas Hall, M.P., has lent his yacht "Sardonyx" to the Association for service on the Seine and Sir Claude MacDonald arranged for this to sail under Admiralty Charter. She made her first voyage on October 2nd, 1914, with a large consignment of Stores for Rouen and Paris.

Lord Brassey also offered his yacht "Sunbeam," R.Y.S., to the Association, and during the week of October 4th, 1914, she was sent to Rouen with a second consignment of stores.

Colonel F. R. Trench Gascoigne has lent his yacht "Ulna," R.Y.S., to the Association, and started on the 16th for Havre and Rouen with a large consignment of stores, and also took some St. John orderlies.

The Queen's Canadian Military Hospital. This Hospital has been offered through the Order to the War Office and has been accepted. Part of it is at Beachborough Park, Shorncliffe, (generously lent by Sir Arthur Markham), with 50 beds in London, in Vincent Square. Sir William Osler and Mr. Donald Armour have undertaken the organization and equipment and Her Majesty's name is used by special permission. Members of the St. John V.A.D. at Folkestone act as probationers in the Hospital and the Orderlies have been supplied by the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

American Ambulance. At the request of the Corps a party of ten nurses under a Matron, (Miss Leahy) was sent out on October 7th, and they are now working with Paris as their base.

Depôts. A West End Depôt has been started at 35, Park Lane by kind permission of Countess Grosvenor, where particulars and all information concerning the work of the Order can be obtained.

A Depôt has been started in the West Riding of Yorks by General Mends, most ably assisted by Lord and Lady Scarbrough, and already they report the receipt of over 16,509 garments.

Another Depôt for the Northern District has been opened by Mr. C. B. Palmer, Deputy Commissioner of No. VI. District, St. John Ambulance Brigade, 21,574 garments having been received.

The South Wales Depôt at Cardiff has 4,970 garments in stock.

Depôts have been established at Havre and Rouen for the reception and distribution of clothing.

Report of Warehouse Sub-Committee to date.

Total number of articles received, 289,916.

List of Largest Consignments Received.

780 Lady Furley's Working Party.
691 Elland Nursing Home.
590 Mrs. Hacken, Penshurst, Newton Abbot.
571 The Duchess of Somerset.
3972=2896, 648, 428. Marchioness of Salisbury.
955=552, 403. Mayoress of Croydon.
1065 V.A.D. Knaresborough.
5926=730, 2271, 2925. Friend's Meeting House, Leeds V.A.D.
9015 The Editor and Readers of the *African World.*
1198 Mrs. M. L. Richards' Working Party.
3588 Milton, Huddersfield.
1122=566, 556. Duchess of Beaufort.
706 Sheffield Centre V.A.D.
1257 V.A.D. No. 4 Dublin.
1174 V.A.D. Centre, York.
600 Mrs. Parnell.
2104 Northamptonshire.
2144 ,, several consignments.
519 Mrs. Meghan.
1316=711, 605 Lady Mayoress of Bradford.
611 Lady Barr's Committee.
1577 Armitage and Rigby, Ltd., Manchester.
555 N. A. Smith, Esq.
2918=2499, 419. *Daily Sketch.*

953 Countess of Scarbrough.
1100 Ladies' Club, Shrewsbury.
1057 For Depôt at 35, Park Lane.
543 Sir Thomas Pilkington.
3003=2181, 822. Dr. Lumsden, Dublin District.
2740=2192, 548. Wakefield V.A.D.
755 Newcastle-on-Tyne, St. John Ambulance Brigade.
584 Mrs. F. R. Trench Gascoigne.
4043=3496, 547. Harrogate V.A.D.
1062 V.A.D. Bolton.
564 Lady Moyra Cavendish.
7927 Ladies of Atherton.
1550 Swansea V.A.D.
1495 Queen Mary's Working Guild.
569 Ladies of Shrewsbury.
1342 Mrs. Clifton Sturgis.
1130 V.A.D. Otley.
770 Mrs. D. and R. Duke.
349 Newton Abbot Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

List of Hospitals supplied to date.

4th General Hospital—Lincoln.
St. John's Hospital—Lewisham.
Hilsea Hospital—Hilsea.
Royal Herbert Hospital—Woolwich.
Connaught Hospital—Aldershot.
Cambridge Hospital—Aldershot.
Hospital du Casino—Deauville.
Northern General Hospital—Leeds.
The British Minister (2 consignments)—Antwerp.
The Military Hospital (2 consignments)—Hounslow.
The North Fleet (2 consignments).
Lady Dudley's Hospital (2 consignments)—Southampton.
Army Medical Stores—Southampton.
Military Hospital—Tower of London; Friary Court; St. James'.
No, 8 General Hospital for Ambulance Ships, No. 1 base.
Sir Alfred Keogh—Rouen (3 consignments).
Royal Victoria Hospital—Netley.
Denmark Hill Hospital—London (2 consignments).
Bishop's Knoll Hospital—Bristol.
Military Hospital—Tidworth.
Military Hospital—Winchester.
Tyrone Hospital—Pau.
Church Army Hospital—Caen.

Royal Herbert Hospital—Woolwich.
Crystal Palace V.A.D.—London.
Cambridge Square Hospital (2 consignments)—London.
Royal Naval Reserve—Crystal Palace.
Denham Hospital—Bucks.
Princess Club Hospital—Bermondsey.
Depôt at Paris.
V.A.D. Hospital—Canterbury (2 consignments).
Middlesex Hospital—Clacton-on-Sea.
Charing Cross Hospital.
Anglo-French Hospital Stores.
Depôt at Havre (2 consignments).
St. Malo (2 consignments).
2nd Western General Hospital.
Empire Hospital, Vincent Square, London.
Crystal Palace Hospital, Norwood.
Military Hospital, Parkhurst.
5th London General Hospital.
3rd London General Hospital (2 consignments).
Voluntary Aid Detachment Hospital, Strood.
St. John Ambulance Hospital, Southampton.
Mokka Hospital, St. Malo.
French Hospital, Dinan.
Serbian Hospital (2 consignments).
Victory Hospital.
Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone.
V.A. Hospital, Sittingbourne.
No. 1 General Hospital, Camberwell.
Convalescent Home, Stanmore.
No. 1 General Hospital, Havre.
Sherington Field Military Hospital, Codford, Wilts.
St. Jean de Luz.
Military Hospital, Devonport.
Officers' Hospital, Cadogan Gardens.
2nd General Hospital, Sheffield.
Dinard Hospital.

NOTE :—Among the sundries are cigarettes, boxes of tobacco, packets of peppermints, boxes of sweets, Horlick's Malted Milk and bandages.

Mr. Herbert Lewis, Deputy Commissioner of No. XI. District, St. John Ambulance Brigade, has with the co-operation of the Sub-Committee formed on 21st August appointed Committee with Centres covering

nearly the whole of South Wales. Depôts have been formed in the following places :—

Llanelly,	Llansamlet,	Pontycymmer,
Pontypridd,	Merthyr,	Monmouth,
Rhymney Valley,	Aberdare,	Cardiff,

the object being to obtain and make articles of clothing.

A letter was also sent to a number of people inviting them to make a donation towards the equipment of men of the Brigade to serve abroad with the Royal Navy and Army as Hospital Orderlies.

The following is an extract from Mr. Herbert Lewis's report :—

"A large number of men have been sent from this District to the Military Hospitals in England, Ireland and the Channel Islands. Fifty men have now been sent for duty in the General Hospitals abroad, and a further demand has been made for 100 men and 100 N.C.O.'s with special sanitary knowledge to proceed immediately to the Front. The men have responded loyally to the call."

"On Saturday, August 29th, a message was received at 1 p.m. for fifty men to proceed immediately to France. Telegrams were sent to the Officers in charge of Divisions and on the following day (Sunday) the whole of these men reported themselves at Prudential Buildings, Cardiff, and left for Southampton by the 1.27 p.m. train in my charge. On their arrival it was found that the base had been changed and the men were sent to the Rest Camp on the Common for the night, and were very grateful to Lady Dane, who is in charge of the St. John Rest Station on the Common, for her kindness in giving them refreshment and and to the nurses for repairing their clothes, etc."

"At four o'clock a telegram was received from the Assistant Quartermaster General to draw rations for five days and to immediately embark on the steamship "Armenian." It was found that the boat was to carry 840 horses and the rear guards of the Camerons, Black Watch, Seaforths, and Royal Horse Artillery. The St. John men readily lent a hand to the embarking of the horses and she sailed at two a.m. on Tuesday morning for St. Nazaire. The boat was unfortunately held up twenty-six hours by fog, and during this time the St. John men were teaching the soldiers bandaging and giving demonstrations of their work. This was done at the request of the Officers of the several Units."

"On arrival at St. Nazaire at twelve o'clock on Thursday morning we were unable to get into the harbour, as there were so many transports before us, and eventually at four o'clock we were sent to Nantes. Here the horses were disembarked and the St. John Ambulance men sent to No. 9 General Hospital. I reported myself to the A.D.M.S., Colonel Westcott, at 12.30 and he was kind enough to give me a shakedown in his room for the night. In the morning he told me that I was to serve on his staff and gave me work to do which kept

me fully occupied. The work was hard because we were up many hours in the night."

"Telegrams were constantly coming in, advising the A.D.M.S. that Hospital trains were being sent down from the front, and these had to be met at the railway station by medical officers, hospital orderlies and nurses. Coffee, tea, bovril, etc. was given to the men and officers when they were disentrained and after the cases had been classified they were sent off to one or other of the General Hospitals. It was then our duty to see that those cases that could travel were immediately dispatched to England, and suitable ships had to be provided and the staff found for this purpose. Many officers who were badly wounded were sent to Lady Dudley's Hospital at St. Nazaire and the others to the stationary hospitals."

"Our Brigade men are doing wonderfully good work and the A.D.M.S. and Colonel Scott, Officer Commanding, were full of praise and they showed very great faith in our men by sending them over to England in charge of the wounded and to the trains to attend to them when they came in, as they were so well up in their dressing work."

"Sir Alfred Keogh, Chief Commissioner of the Ambulance Department of the Order of St. John, sent me back to England to fetch 100 sanitary orderlies and 10 non-commissioned officers, and to take them out to St. Nazaire. These men must have a thorough knowledge of sanitation and I am sure you will be proud to know that Wales is able to comply with the demand without the least trouble."

"I want to thank the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress for coming to the Station to see us off and for the gift of cigarettes to the men, which they much appreciate."

Foreign Service. The Right Hon. Sir Claude MacDonald is Chairman of the Foreign Service Committee and Mr. Edmund Owen, Surgeon-in-chief of the Brigade, selects the Surgeons.

Miss Swift, late Matron of Guy's Hospital, has been appointed Chief Matron. She is assisted in the selection of the nurses by Miss Rogers, late Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Leicester; Miss McCall Anderson, late Matron of St. George's Hospital; Miss Luckie, London Hospital and Late of Princess Christian's Field Force, South Africa; and Mrs. E. Corner, late of St. Thomas' Hospital, (wife of Mr. E. Corner, Surgeon). Miss Claridge of Princess Christian's Army Nursing Reserve has given the greatest assistance to this Department. Miss Watson, late Assistant Matron at St. George's Hospital, has been sent to Paris to take charge of all nurses there.

Great assistance has been and is being kindly afforded to the Sub-Committee by Mr. H. T. Watson, who is charged with making the necessary arrangements for passports and the despatch of the nurses, etc.

Hospitals.—Since the outbreak of the War the following hospitals have been established under the auspices of the Order :—

Paris. Fifteen Nurses with Matron Miss Taylor left for Paris on August 29th.

The Women's Hospital Corps organized and equipped a hospital of 80 beds with a staff of 23. This was under the control of Dr. Garret Anderson and Dr. Flora Murray. This Corps, which was also provided with two motor cars and a 200 ton yacht at its disposal for transport, is now established in Paris at Claridge's Hotel and is doing splendid work.

Antwerp. This Hospital was organized by the Committee of the Women's National Service League and left for Antwerp on September 20th under the charge of Mrs. St. Clair Stobart. Excellent work was done by the *personnel* who have now returned. The hospital is supplied with an X-Ray apparatus. Medical and Nursing staff 17. This Staff was the last to leave Antwerp.

Caen. The Church Army equipped an Hospital of 80 beds which left in September and is now in good working order. It has a staff of 26 and an X-Ray apparatus.

St. Malo. Lady MacDonald left for St. Malo on October 3rd with a Matron and two Nurses to report and organize. The request to form a Hospital came from the French Military Authorities. A party of ten Nurses, under the charge of Miss Metcalfe, was sent out at the request of Lady MacDonald on October 12th. Dr. Hossack of Ipswich is Chief Surgeon. He is assisted by Dr. Dunn, a noted Bacteriologist and also an Anæsthetist. There are also some St. John Orderlies, and a further 20 Nurses have been sent for. The Hospital is already nearly full of severe cases, amongst them 20 soldiers of the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiments. It has been inspected by the highest Military Medical authorities of the district and has been very highly commended by them. It is provided with an X-Ray apparatus.

In addition 8 Nurses with Miss Weir as Matron were sent to the Croix Rouge Française at St. Malo.

Pau. The Duchess of Abercorn, President of Co. Tyrone St. John organization, assisted by Miss Sinclair, Commandant of a Tyrone Detachment, organized and equipped a Hospital, to be called the "Tyrone Hospital." This left for Pau in charge of Miss Sinclair on October 10th with a staff of 23. The Hospital is provided with an X-Ray apparatus.

London. A St. John Hospital has been organized at 18, Cadogan Gardens, which has been most generously placed at the disposal of the Order by Robinia, Viscountess Mountgarret. Matron in Charge, Mrs. Stanley Clarke; Nursing Superintendent, Miss Gardiner;

assisted by trained Nurses and members of the Craig's Court Voluntary Aid Detachment, London 88.

HULL. Lady Sykes organized a hospital at Hull. It was reported on October 15th that the Unit has been offered for service in France and accepted.

NURSES. Trained Nurses have been sent to the following destinations :—Brussels, Antwerp, Deauville, Dieppe, Paris, Dinard, Charleroi, Pau, Caen, St. Malo, Melun, Calais and Dunkirk, making a grand total of 294.

A party of eight Nurses was sent to Brussels on August 12th and two parties of forty each left on August 15th and 19th respectively, at the request of the Belgian Croix Rouge. When the Germans entered Brussels on August 20th the Nurses were made prisoners of war until October 6th, when they left Brussels and proceeded through Germany to Copenhagen and have now returned home.

SURGEONS.

	7	Surgeons have been sent to Belgium.		
	2	do.	do.	Pau.
	4	do.	do.	Paris.
	3	do.	do.	St. Malo.
	2	do.	do.	Calais.
	3	do.	do.	Caen.
Total	21			

VOLUNTARY AID DEPARTMENT. 34 V.A.D. Convalescent Homes are available for the use of the Order.

3 V.A.D. Homes are already in use.

64 V.A.D. Hospitals have been offered to the Order by its Detachments, making a total of 6570 beds.

12 V.A.D. Hospitals are already in use, viz.: — Stroud, Harwich, Ramsgate, Canterbury (1), Canterbury (2), Southampton, Cadogan Gardens, Ipswich, Sittingbourne, Folkestone, Hastings, Southampton, Gateshead, Wellingborough, Lymington, Sunderland, Bushmore and Birchington-on-Sea.

34 V.A.D. members are training each week in the London Hospital.

22	do.	do.	Charing Cross Hospital.
4	do.	do.	St. Thomas's Hospital.
20	do.	do.	St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
7	do.	do.	Royal Free Hospital.
2	do.	do.	St. Mary's Hospital.
1	do.	do.	Middlesex Hospital.
6	do.	do.	Kensington Infirmary.
96			

Organization of Classes. Chairman—Viscountess Esher, 2, Tilney Street, Mayfair. Vice-Chairman—Viscountess Falkland, 26, Upper Grosvenor Street.

During August and September there have been 1057 examinations in First Aid and Home Nursing.

Convalescent Homes. 44 Private Houses are available for the use of the Order, and have been offered to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Society or to the Commandant of District. 705 beds.

Orderlies. Sir James Andrew Clark, Bt, C.B., Chief Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, has furnished the following summary of work done by the Brigade.

Total Personnel supplied by the St. John Ambulance Brigade from the Commencement of the War to 17th October, 1914.

Royal Naval Auxiliary Sick Berth Reserve (Naval Hospitals and Ships)... ...	1569
Military Home Hospitals	3320
Expeditionary Force	712 (a)
Miscellaneous Hospitals and Establishments at home (approximately)	223
Hospital Ships (Military)	36 (b)
Additional	139
Total	5999

(a) includes

Allied Forces Base Hospital ...	34
Sanitary Orderlies	14
Cardiff Contingent for Nantes ...	50
Lady Dudley's Hospital... ...	16
Duchess of Westminster's Hospital	68
Orderlies for Rouen c/o St. John ...	2

(b) Other Ships are being prepared for which the same *personnel* will be required.

120 Stretchers have been sent to the Admiralty 50 to our Commissioner at Havre, and 25 to Dunkirk.

Motors. Lord Norreys as Chairman of the Motor Committee supplies the following details of work done under his direction :—

Seventy-five Motors have been offered to the Order and are in process of adaptation, eighteen of this number will be sent to Sir John French at his request. Many other cars have been placed at the disposal of the Order; these will be fully equipped as ambulances and for other purposes and sent to various destinations. Mr. Arthur Du Cros has made an offer (which is the same as that carried out by him for the British Troops) to form a Corps of fifty Motors.

Motors have been placed at the disposal of the Order by the following:—Duchess of Somerset; Earl of Ellesmere; Rajah of Pudujota; Lady Henry Cavendish Bentinck; Lady Paget; Lady Jardine; Mr. Justice A. T. Lawrence; Sir Maurice Fitzgerald; Brigadier-General Grove, C.B.; Brigadier-General Mends; Major Swinburne; Mayor of Leamington; R. M. Kindersley, Esq.; W. W. Carlisle, Esq.; Victor Blagdon, Esq.; W. J. Thorn, Esq.; Vernon F. Page, Esq.; A. Cecil Laurie, Esq.; Bernard G. C. Morice, Esq.; J. Harrison Dakin, Esq.; B. C. Defries, Esq.; William C. Kettle, Esq.; B. A. Thornhill, Esq.; Alfred A. Loupsden, Esq.; C. T. Richardson, Esq.; James F. Burton, Esq.; A. C. T. Hill, Esq.; J. Stokes, Esq.; T. W. Wilkinson, Esq.; Mrs. Innes; Mrs. de Knoop; Mrs. Tennent; Miss A. Smith; Miss Allport; Miss Robertson; No. IV. District St. John Ambulance Brigade; Lieut.-General Sir Robert Baden Powell, on behalf of the Boy Scouts, and many others.

One of the co-opted members, the Hon. W. H. Goschen, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the War Fund, has very kindly accepted the office of co-Honorary Secretary with Lady Perrott.

Assistance from Portugal. Communications have been received from the Army Council forwarding cheques for £1,111, £3 6s. 8d., and £2 10s., which had been transmitted by His Majesty's Minister at Lisbon, through the Foreign Office. The first cheque was from the Portuguese Government, the second from the Municipality of Santa Comba Dao, and the third from the Municipality of Melgaco, and represented money originally intended for festivities in connection with the celebration of the anniversary of the Republic on the national fête day. The Army Council stated in the covering letter that, after full consideration and with the concurrence of the Foreign Office, it had been decided that these cheques should be placed at the disposal of the Order for the special fund being inaugurated by the Ambulance Department for the relief of the sick and wounded. It is satisfactory to record that the Army Council also stated that they were deeply gratified at the invaluable help which the St. John Ambulance Association had been rendering to the Medical Services during the present war and that they consider it eminently deserving of support to enable it to carry on its work.

APPENDIX.

Extracts from "The Times," September and October, 1914.

THE QUEEN AND "THE TIMES" FUND.

Her Grace Adeline, Duchess of Bedford, has received the following letter from the Private Secretary to Her Majesty the Queen :

Buckingham Palace, Sept. 15, 1914.

My Dear Duchess,—I am commanded by the Queen to say that She has read with great satisfaction the special appeal which has been made in "The Times" on behalf of the work of the St. John Ambulance Association, and Her Majesty desires me to express to you, as Chairman of the Ladies Committee, of which the Queen is President, Her earnest hope that the public, which has hitherto so generously supported all funds for the relief of the sick and wounded, will not fail to recognize the urgent claims of the Association in the present crisis.—Yours sincerely,

E. W. Wallington, Private Secretary.

The following is the Special Appeal referred to by Her Majesty the Queen :—

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—We think the time has arrived when the attention of the public should be drawn to the very important work which has for so many years been carried on by the English Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, of which the King of England is always the Sovereign Head.

It has not been generally recognized that this ancient Order, which dates back 800 years, is the senior Red Cross organization in this country, and, in fact the St. John Ambulance Association was nearly 40 years ago the pioneer of all "ambulance" work.

The work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade has been so quietly carried on and built up, mainly by the industrial classes, that it has not been prominently observed by the public. The carrying on of this true labour of love has been almost entirely voluntary, and implies a vast amount of self-denial on the part of those employed on the railways, in the mines, and in the large industrial centres.

Now, at the call of their country, 5,000 men belonging to the St. John Ambulance Brigade have been mobilized, serving with the Royal Navy and Army as hospital orderlies, and thousands more are ready to come forward. The work of the Order does not end here. One hundred and thirty highly-trained nurses have been sent out to tend the wounded, and large numbers are in waiting. The Order insists upon the highest possible standard, feeling that nothing but the best should be given to the brave defenders of our country. If this great work of maintaining hospitals and convalescent homes and sending out surgeons, nurses, and hospital orderlies is to be carried on, it is imperative that there should be an immediate and generous response.

In peace time the Ambulance Department is self-supporting. Its funds are most economically managed, and the strictest accounts, audited by chartered accountants, have been kept ever since its incorporation. All money subscribed in time of war goes direct to the relief of the sick and wounded, nothing being deducted for office expenses or salaries.

One of the most striking parts of the work is the way in which the members of the Brigade have hitherto largely raised their own funds. It will be realized what this means to working men and women, and also the urgent need of assistance at this time.

To further the progress of this patriotic organization spread over the whole Empire, may all unite to carry out the ancient motto of the Hospitaller Order—*Pro Fide Pro Utilitate Hominum*—For the Faith and for the Service of Men.

We have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servants,

COSMO EBOR: Prelate of the Order.
ADELINE M. BEDFORD, Chairman of Ladies' Committee.
PLYMOUTH, Director and Chairman of the Ambulance Department.
HERBERT C. PERROTT, Bt., Secretary-General of the Order.
RICHARD TEMPLE, Bt., Assistant Director of the Ambulance Department.
HERBERT JEKYLL, K.C.M.G., Chancellor of the Order.

St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C., Sept. 11th, 1914.

The following Memorandum has been widely circulated amongst the members of the Order and the supporters of its Ambulance Department:

MEMORANDUM.

The following is hereby published for the general information of the members of the Order and of its Ambulance Department and of all others concerned.

The St. John Ambulance Association, the British Red Cross Society and the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association are officially notified by the War Office that they form part of the Red Cross Organization of Great Britain, and that they are recognized by the British Government under article 10 of the Geneva Convention as Societies to assist the Medical Services in time of war.

It is to be lamented that in the past there has been friction in various parts of the country between the St. John Ambulance Association and the British Red Cross Society in local administration. It is felt by the Committees of both these bodies that in the present circumstances all these past differences should be forgotten in order that they may work in complete harmony for the fullest possible use to be made of both organizations in the interests of the sick and wounded.

It is especially desired that County Directors and other officials should co-operate in every possible way to assist equally the work of both organizations.

In this connection a copy of a letter addressed by the Secretary of the Army Council to the President of the British Red Cross Society is attached. It is gratifying to note that the Army Council recognizes the good work done by the Ambulance Department of the Order.

By Order,

HERBERT C. PERROTT,
Baronet.
Secretary-General of the Order and Chief
Secretary of its Ambulance Department.

9th September, 1914.

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WAR OFFICE, LONDON, S.W.
September 6th, 1914.

MY LORD,—I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that they are watching with close interest the activities of the British Red Cross Society, and note with satisfaction the generous response which has been given by our countrymen to your appeal in the *Times*.

They are especially glad to learn that you are working in close association with other bodies recognized by Government as forming part of the Red Cross Organization of Great Britain. A great work can be effected by the co-operation of the British Red Cross Society and the Ambulance Department of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and I am to say that the Council realize the heavy and responsible duties which these two bodies and others have so patriotically accepted.

The demands on your activities may be long continued, but the Council feel sure that your society and that of the Order of St. John will husband every penny which flows in from the generous people of Great Britain.

The Council are confident that the public will continue to help both your society and the St. John Ambulance Department, and in doing so will recognize also the share of the work on behalf of the sick and wounded which is done by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society and the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association.

I am, my Lord,
Your lordship's obedient servant,
R. H. BRADE.

THE RIGHT HON.
THE LORD ROTHSCHILD, G.C.V.O.,
President, British Red Cross Society.

The following announcement appeared in the "*Times*" of 23rd October.

JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

On the recommendation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Prior of the Order, His Majesty the King, as Sovereign Head, and Her Majesty the Queen, as President of the Ladies' Committee of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, and Queen Alexandra, as President of the British Red Cross Society, have been pleased to express their approval of the immediate formation of a Joint Committee of the two organizations, which shall sit throughout the war, to secure co-ordination and united action in work which is common to both bodies.

The Committee has been constituted as follows :—

Appointed by the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Adeline Duchess of Bedford (Chairman of the Special Committee of Ladies of the Order).

Lady Perrott (Honorary Secretary of the Special Committee of Ladies of the Order).

The Chancellor (Colonel Sir Herbert Jekyll, K.C.M.G.)

The Secretary-General (Colonel Sir Herbert Charles Perrott, Bt., C.B.)

The Director of the Ambulance Department (the Earl of Plymouth, C.B.)

The Assistant Director of the Ambulance Department (Lieut.-Colonel Sir Richard Carnac Temple, Bt., C.I.E.)

Sir John Hewett, G.C.S.I., C.I.E. (Chairman of the Indian Sub-Committee of the Ladies' Committee of the Order).

The Right Hon. Sir Claude Macdonald, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., &c. (Chairman of the Foreign Aid Sub-Committee of the Ladies' Committee of the Order).

Appointed by the British Red Cross Society.

The Marchioness of Lansdowne, V.A., C.I.

Georgiana Countess of Dudley, R.R.C.

Sir William Edmund Garstin, G.C.M.G.

Sir Robert Arundell Hudson (Chairman of Finance Committee).

Sir Walter Roper Lawrence, G.C.I.E.

Edward A. Ridsdale, Esq., F.G.S. (Vice-Chairman of Executive Committee).

The Hon. Arthur L. Stanley, M.V.O., M.P. (Chairman of Executive Committee).

Sir Frederick Treves, Bt., G.C.V.O., C.B., &c. (Vice-Chairman of Council.)

It is understood that the first Chairman of the Joint Committee will be the Hon. Arthur Stanley, and the first Vice-Chairman, Sir Herbert Perrott. The Committee will hold its first meeting early next week.

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